

COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL - CITY OF LODI

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1949

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock P.M. of Wednesday, November 16, 1949.

Councilmen present: Bull, Haskell, Lytle, Tolliver and Rinn (Mayor)

Councilmen absent: None.

The minutes of the last regular meeting held November 2nd and of the meeting adjourned therefrom held November 9th, 1949 were approved as written, copies of such minutes having been mailed each Councilman prior to this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS -

HEARING ON
APPLICATION
DANCER ET AL
FOR TAXI-CAB
PERMIT.

Proof of due notice to the public and to affected parties being proven by affidavits, a public hearing was then held on the application of Edwin E. Dancer, Jess M. La Roe and James Parkerson for a permit to operate a taxi-cab business in the City of Lodi. Mayor Rinn read the application and pertinent sections of Ordinance No. 268 and then declared the meeting open to the reception of evidence either for or against the granting of this permit.

Jess M. La Roe, spokesman for applicants, stated that these men are former employees of City Cab Company, holder of the only taxi-cab permit in the city; that they had been discharged and were endeavoring to make jobs for themselves and also to furnish better cab service than that now furnished by City Cab Company.

A letter was read by the City Clerk signed by Elmer Robinson, proprietor of "Club Del Monte", 121 N. Cherokee Lane, denying that permission had been granted by him for use of his premises by these applicants for a cab stand.

Councilmen questioned Mr La Roy as to his opinion of the adequacy of present cab service and also as to the ratio of cabs to population in neighboring cities. No positive answers given.

The Mayor called for statements from disinterested persons and none were forthcoming. He then stated that it was the sole province of the City Council in this matter, to determine if the public interest and necessity required further cab service than that now furnished; further, that public interest demanded that continued service be had. At 8:15 Mr La Roy resumed his seat in the Council audience and Mr Harry E. Mahaffey, proprietor of City Cab Company spoke against the granting of this permit, saying that present cabs were taking in but \$12.00 to \$14.00 per day and offering to rent his entire bus and cab business to the applicants for \$300.00 per month. Mr Mahaffey contended that his present zone system of fares is more just than computing fares by taxi-meter. In response to a direct question from Councilman Haskell, Mr Mahaffey stated that he would not re-employ any of the applicants.

Mayor Rinn then asked the Councilmen if they were ready to make their findings as to the necessity for additional cab service or if they were willing to defer action to a later date.

Councilman Bull said that he believed that present service is adequate under normal conditions and was ready to make a determination at this time. Councilman Tolliver stated that no evidence had been submitted pertinent to the hearing by the applicants and on motion of Councilman Haskell, Lytle second, issuance of a permit was denied on the grounds that no showing had been made as to inadequacy of present service and as to the necessity of another cab company in Lodi. Motion carried and at 8:52 P.M. applicants and Mr Mahaffey left the Council Chambers.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER -

City Manager Weller reported on the application of Howard Foster, Hotel Lodi, for a card and dice license, presented to the Council October 5th and ordered laid over for investigation, stating: Mr Foster contemplates the conducting of card games in a legal manner in a room in the hotel basement. This room is to be for patrons of the hotel and as a means of discouraging card playing in private rooms. Games would be conducted by two men for the hotel owner. The Council, finding that this use was not the same as that stated in the application, directed, on motion regularly made and seconded, that the license be denied.

(minutes of Nov.16,1949-continued)

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**CITIZENS
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
ORGANIZATION
APPROVED.**

Mr Weller asked Council approval of his general outline of procedure for the appointment of a Citizen's Advisory Committee and his statement of the aims and objects of such a committee and of its organization as submitted by letters to each Councilman. This letter was reviewed by Mr Weller with some elaboration of minor details. On motion of Councilman Haskell, Bull second, the City Manager was directed to proceed with the organization of this Committee with Council approval of the general purposes and limitations as contained in Mr Wellers statement.

**OFF-STREET
PARKING
LOTS.
S.P. STATION
& 116 W.OAK.**

Reporting on off-street parking facilities, present, and subject to consideration for the future, Mr Weller submitted a map of the down-town area showing spaces with no improvements or with minor structures, also lots now operated privately for parking of automobiles. After briefly viewing this map and considering immediately available sites, Councilman Bull moved, Lytle second, that Southern Pacific Company be requested to clean up its station grounds facing Sacramento Street between Pine and Elm Streets and make this space available for vehicular parking. This same motion also included a request that the Southern Pacific Company replace its dilapidated and outmoded passenger station with a new building. City Manager Weller stated that Salomon Brothers had offered to lease Lot 2, Block 8, Mokelumne, (116 West Oak Street), to the City at a monthly rental of \$100.00 per month and recommended that this offer be accepted, rentals to be paid from parking meter income. On motion of Councilman Bull, Haskell second, moved that the City lease this lot and that the City Manager enter into a lease which would provide that the City be reimbursed for its cost in preparing it for public use if the owners desired to cancel the lease after the first six months, rental to be at \$100.00 per month.

**CORPORATION
YARD SITE
STORM DRAIN
RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

Mr Weller reported progress in the obtaining of a site for a corporation yard, stating that the Murray-Hallinan owners of land north of the stadium would accept \$3,000 per acre for from two to three acres, part of which might be used for intermittent storage of storm waters under a plan prepared by City Engineer Heckenlaible. The possibility of obtaining rights of way for storm drain lines from the north side of the stadium property to the Mokelumne River was also discussed, with two alternate plans for collecting and disposing of storm waters accumulating in the Northeast part of the City.

**CHURCH PERMIT
314 W.LOCUST
DENIED.**

A report of the City Planning Commission reporting adversely on the application of " Church of Christ " for a variance to allow use of the premises at 314 West Locust Street ^{as a church} owing to parking congestion and proximity to another church was read. On motion of Councilman Bull, Haskell second, the City Council expressed its concurrence with the Commission's report and denied the permit.

**SIDEWALKS
CALIFORNIA
STREET &
W. LODI AVE.**

On motion of Councilman Bull, Haskell second, the Superintendent of Streets was directed to notify property owners on North California Street to remove all obstructions to pedestrian passage along this Street. A recommendation of the City Planning Commission that the City acquire land along West Lodi Avenue between Hutchins Street and Orange Avenue for sidewalk areas was ordered laid over for consideration of ways and means to accomplish this purpose.

**OPENING
EUREKA AVE
SETTLEMENT
WITH WARE.**

On motion of Councilman Bull, Tolliver second, the City Attorney was directed to accept a note secured by a second deed of trust on property in Sacramento County from Charles F. Ware in the amount of \$1,200.00, in the matter of the opening of Eureka Avenue West to California Street, Ware to also pay \$200.00 additional as the cost to Mrs Ida Graffigna of moving shed and water pipes. City to pay cost of gutters and paving this section of street, estimated at \$1,665.00

The City Manager was given permission to attend the annual meeting of American Municipal Association in Cleveland, Ohio on his way to the International City Managers Conference in Palm Beach, Fla.

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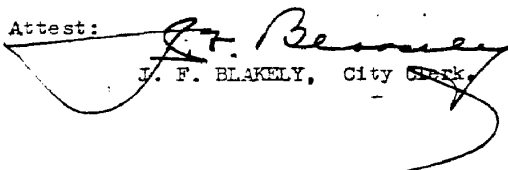
CLAIMS. Claims in the amount of \$119,559.27, including purchase of \$74,000 United States obligations with funds not immediately needed for current expenses, were allowed and ordered paid, motion Councilman Lytle, Bull second.

GASOLINE SPECIFICATIONS APPROVED Specifications for the purchase of the City's annual requirements of gasoline were approved and advertisement for sealed proposals authorized on motion of Councilman Bull, Lytle second.

YODER RETAINED AT \$75.00 MONTHLY On the recommendation of the City Manager, M. Carleton Yoder, Sanitary Engineer, was retained on a part time basis at a salary of \$75.00 per month, including traveling expenses, to oversee operations at the City Activated Sludge Disposal Plant, Mr Yoder to make at least 18 calls at the plant during the year 1950. This arrangement to take effect on December 1, 1949 and to continue at the Council's pleasure.

At 11:08 o'clock P.M. the City Council adjourned on motion of Councilman Tolliver.

Attest:


J. F. BLAKELY, City Clerk